

HEAVEN A REAL PLACE.

Rev. Dr. McFarren's Farewell Sermon at Moundsville.

A PERFECT DAY ON THE GROUNDS.

All the services increase in interest and attendance—Sam Jones' Sunday Programme—Children and Young People's Meetings—Mr. Stuart Departs after a Forcible Sermon.

Gentle showers fell throughout the night on the Moundsville camp ground, as elsewhere, but yesterday opened bright and clear, with a cool breeze blowing. All were thankful for the refreshing rain.

A noticeable feature of this camp meeting is the absence of so many of the old familiar faces your correspondent has known in the past, and no more conspicuous figure is lacking than that of old father Battell, whose white head and stentorian voice were an inspiration to all who saw or heard him. His many friends will regret to learn that he is confined to his home in Columbus, O., on account of failing health.

At 6 a. m. yesterday Alfred Games led the early service, and everyone present seemed to be pleased and benefited.

The 8 o'clock class continues to increase in interest, and is fully up to any ever held on the grounds. This morning it will be held in the auditorium, and Miss Wray will lead it.

Dr. McFarren prefaced his sermon with the remark that he believed that every good man and every good woman was led of God, and he always tried to follow that leading. Yesterday he wanted to preach on one subject, but another was persistently forced upon his mind, and so he gave it and was glad he did.

As this would probably be the last time he would ever speak to this people, and as he expected to meet them all in heaven, he thought it would be appropriate to talk on that subject. He asked the congregation for a time to dismiss all thought and care of the world and join him for a short time in the contemplation of heaven. We all expect to get there. All nations have their ideal of heaven.

The ancient Greeks and Romans had their valley of Elysium, the Mohammedans their paradise and the wild and blood-thirsty Indian his happy hunting ground, where if he was true to the teachings of the Great Spirit, he would roam amid all the pleasures of the chase.

The inspiration of heaven follows from early youth through life down to the limit of old age. Had indeed it be that life that has no comfort in the hope of heaven. I believe that heaven is a place—a definite locality—with a climate and atmosphere peculiar to its self—where I don't know. We get the idea that it is above from many references to it in this book, but matters not where, so that I know that somewhere there is a place in God's universe where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

Some place beyond the cares and difficulties where God shall fulfill our fondest hopes and satisfy our loftiest ambitions.

Heaven is a beautiful place. John tried to describe it and painted a beautiful picture, radiant with jewels and of great sublimity and grandeur, but the picture is always less than the reality, and words fail to express, and human thought cannot conceive of all the beauties of heaven. I believe the air is pure, the sky is clear, no shadow, no storms and tempests to frighten us, no broken sunshine, but one celestial sky of beauty that covers the vast expanse. It is a place of absolute purity, the home of God. No sin nor anything that can harm or disturb can ever enter its pearly gates. The fact that sin is out of harmony with God forbids that it should ever enter this holy place.

No foul contagion broods over those fair scenes, no sickness, no death, no graveyard to monument the triumph of death. The air is pure, the waters life-giving and the leaves of the trees are for the healing of nations. In this life the good and the bad are mingled, but at death each gravitates to his own place as naturally as the apple falls to the ground—the good to heaven, the bad to that place prepared for him. A bad man in heaven would be as miserable as if he were in hell. What pleasure would a rough, uncouth, sensual man have in the company of philosophers? Put a sinner in the gathering of saints and let the Holy Spirit come upon them and let them worship God in the beauty of holiness and if he take no part with them it would be anything but pleasant to him. Then I believe heaven is a place of growth. The span of human life does not measure the period of growth; the good grow on to better in heaven and the bad grow on from bad to worse in hell.

I believe heaven to be a place of wonderful intellectual development. We shall understand all the mystery that surrounds us here. If I were simply interested in intellectual development I should want to go to heaven. It will be a place of wonderful vitality. Here we are compelled to stop and rest, to intermit labor with seasons of refreshment, but there the mind will go on and on solving the difficult and intricate problems of a planet. It is a place of joy, of spiritual joy suited to the enlargement of our enlightened heart. Every rapture a spiritual rapture, every song a song of overflowing joy.

It will be a place of rest. Some people conceive of rest only as idleness. They expect to sit in idleness on the banks of the river of God under the shade of the tree of life and thumb a harp and sip ambrosia. Such a course would breed sin in less than a month. I believe it will be a place of great activity.

We shall be as the angels who are His messengers and we shall do His will and engage in undertakings that we would shrink from in this life. I believe in degrees in heaven. Happiness may be the same in quality, but differ in design, as one star differs from another in glory.

According to our capacity we shall be filled, the child with the tin cup, the man with his larger vessel and another with still larger capacity, shall all drink from the fountain of heavenly joy and all shall be satisfied.

Heaven will be a place of progress. As the different orders of heaven are one above another so we shall advance from one degree to another until we enjoy the full measure of God's eternal goodness.

But it is as a home that we shall enjoy its treasures best. Here we have no continuing city. We are at best only pilgrims. You would be astonished if you could know the changes this old world is going through. Here the home is broken up. Death comes in and we are separated and the dear places of our childhood fall and crumble, but there

will be none of this in heaven, but one eternal round of reunion.

There I shall meet my loved ones; there I will meet you; there I shall meet Christ, my Savior; there I shall enter upon my heavenly inheritance with the saints, and be an heir of God and joint heir with Jesus Christ.

Thank God I am the child of a king! Some sweet day God will call me and I will lay aside this tenement of clay, and men will weep, and say, "A man is dead." But the angels will say, "A child is born."

The children's meeting, under the leadership of Mrs. Bell, and the young people's meeting, led by Miss Wray, were of more than usual interest.

During the old folks' meeting Prof. Wade, of Morgantown, made a very earnest talk that was listened to with great attention and created quite an impression.

Drs. Stuart and McFarren went up to Wheeling at noon, and some got the impression that they had slipped off without saying good-bye.

The congregation of the evening was an increase on any previous one, a great many of the people of the surrounding country coming in with carriages.

Dr. Stuart selected as the subject of his farewell sermon the words, "Love your enemies," and handled in a masterly manner this passage of scripture, that is such a stumbling block in the way of the world, and with many well chosen and apt illustrations showed that it is the only natural outcome of a heart that has been touched by the spirit of God. His deductions and conclusions show him to be a deep student in the spiritual life of God, and of all the good things he has said this was by far the best, and will help many in the practice of religion in daily life.

After his sermon Dr. McFarren spoke a few words of farewell, and Mr. Bodley also spoke. Then all the congregation passed forward and shook hands with the two ministers.

A telegram from Rev. S. P. Jones announced that he would not arrive until noon, so Miss Wray will hold the service in the auditorium at 10:30 a. m., and Jones will preach at 3 p. m. and at 8 p. m.

On Sunday Rev. Sam P. Jones will preach on the camp ground morning and evening, to which every one on the grounds will be welcome, but at 2 p. m. he will give his celebrated lecture to men only in the Prohibition assembly hall, to which an admission of twenty-five cents will be charged. The proceeds of this meeting are to be devoted to raising the debt on the young people's temple.

Prof. Excell will remain at Moundsville throughout the entire meeting.

EPWORTH PARK ASSOCIATION. Yesterday was Farmer's Day—"The Quiet Observer" Talks.

The six o'clock revolve yesterday morning aroused the Epworth Park Chautauqua to the pleasures of the most delightful day yet seen on the grounds. All through the night a steady rain fell, cooling the atmosphere and settling the dust. This was the first special day of the assembly, Farmers' Day. Early in the morning vehicles began coming, and the special train from Barnesville brought a good sized crowd. By noon the grounds were well filled and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

The morning services were well attended. Rev. J. G. Gamble, of Somerset, led matins. Dr. Thoburn had charge of the devotional hour, which was one of great interest. Dr. Gilbert had charge of the Sunday school normal at 9 o'clock and gave the morning lecture at 10. Dr. Gilbert is general superintendent of the American Institute of Religious Education at Indianapolis. He is a deep thinker and an interesting speaker. The classes met as usual.

Prof. Van De Venter spoke to the children at 1 o'clock and delighted them. He seems to have a boundless resource of interesting facts and stories to interest children. Dr. E. L. Eaton lectured at 2 o'clock and when he was introduced he was accorded a rousing reception by the "Chautauqua Salute," an honor only given to special favorites. Preceding the lecture Mr. Hartley, of Quaker City, rendered a delightful cornet solo. At 3 o'clock Erasmus Wilson, the famous "Quiet Observer" of the Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette, spoke on "The Farmer as a Social Factor." Mr. Wilson is a Belmont county boy of whom she may well be proud. His address was marked by the solid common sense for which his letters are noted.

The chorus class is progressing nicely under the direction of Prof. McMillen, of Wheeling. Vespers was held at 8:45, and at 8 o'clock an interesting lecture was given. The speaker was Peter Von Finkelstein Mamreov, a native of Jerusalem. His subject was "The Bedouins of Arabia and Palestine." The lecture was illustrated by costumes and household furniture brought from the Holy Land. The large audience was much pleased with the lecture. At 9:30, at the conclusion of the lecture, a magnificent pyrotechnical display was given on the lake. The evening "special" brought an immense crowd to witness the fireworks. The next special day is Saturday—"Epworth Day." Every train brings new arrivals, and the interest is constantly growing. The special lectures to-day will be by Dr. Eaton and Dr. Thoburn.

Base Ball at Barnesville. The Cadiz ball club was defeated badly at Barnesville, O., Wednesday, the score being 23 to 1 against them, when rain came to their relief in the last half of the eighth inning. Pastors struck out thirteen of them, and Haakon, the catcher, put up a great game. Reark, at third, was busy, and scored four times. The two Cars were stars in the field.

Base Ball Yesterday. BALTIMORE, Md., August 17.—Eight place now belongs to the Orioles. St. Louis made a good effort for it, but lost through a bunching of hits by Baltimore in the third inning. Attendance 1,507. Score:

Baltimore.....0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0-5
St. Louis.....0 0 1 0 0 0 2 0-3

Pitchers, McMahon and Hawley. Earned runs 2 and 3. Errors 2 and 3. Hits 11 and 12. Empire Ensign.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., August 17.—Boston again defeated Philadelphia this afternoon by better all-round playing. Attendance 4,000. Score:

Boston.....0 1 0 2 0 2 0 0-7
Philadelphia.....0 1 0 0 0 0 2 0-3

Pitchers, Steacy and Carney. Hits 11 and 11. Errors 2 and 5. Earned runs 5 and 3. Umpire Keefe. Games elsewhere not played.

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All sorts of Local News and Gossip from the Glass City.

Camillus Martin has been in jail here for 48 hours awaiting the result of the injuries to Win Foster, the driver of the Milwaukee beer wagon. The row between the two was the outgrowth of "kidding" the beer man about duty beef, and Foster would have struck Martin with a beer bottle had he not knocked him down. But the most serious part of his beating came when Martin held his head under his right arm and pounded him with his left hand. He wears a ring with a big set and this cut the scalp and face and made the wounds look ugly. It is the first row Martin was ever in, and although he says he only defended himself, he has been very much concerned about the condition of Foster. It seems certain that he did not intend serious injury, but this will not help Foster's condition any.

James Brister had his neck broken while trying to break a colt at his home in Monroe county yesterday. Brister was the agent of the Bellare, Zanesville & Cincinnati, as Brister station, and between trains concluded to break the colt, but the colt broke his neck in some manner. Brister was about sixty years of age and leaves a family.

The contract for the Cadiz court house was awarded to E. M. Long, of Harrison county, at \$86,985. McClain Sons & Co., of this county, bid \$81,997 50, based on blue stone from this county, but if the Berea stone was to be used they added \$5,500 to the stone item. Murray Bros. bid \$94,370.

Washington Moore, who is charged with stealing a yoke of oxen in Noble county, will be taken back there for trial this morning. S. Lemmon, the Sardinia man who bought them, was here yesterday to identify Moore. They knew each other as soon as they met.

Several of the coal mines along the B. & O. road within a few miles of this city are closed down because no money can be obtained from the railroad company. More of them will close this month unless arrangements are made to get cash.

Burglars tried to effect an entrance to the New York notion store yesterday morning, but were frightened away just before Officer Strobel got within reach and they disappeared among the railroad cars in the yard.

Col. O. L. Poorman and a large crowd from this city attended the Harvest Home picnic at Bethel yesterday. The B. & O. train was crowded when it left here at 10 a. m.

C. C. Kelly came in from Frankton, Ind., yesterday where he is building a new window glass factory with A. L. Wetherald and John T. Adams.

Old Charley Allen, who used to run a newspaper here, is traveling for a stone firm now. He is past seventy years of age.

Billy George and Will White, base ball players with the Southern league, are here, that league having gone to pieces.

Mrs. M. N. Mercer, son and daughter, have returned from a visit with Wells-ville friends.

Vincent Simpson fell and broke his right arm while playing on Gravel Hill yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Garber and daughter are visiting Cambridge friends.

MARTIN'S FERRY.

Haps and Mishaps in the Thriving City Across the River.

An unsuccessful attempt was made by burglars to enter the store of O. W. Kukenek night before last. The would be robbers did not succeed in getting through the back door, however, and no damage was done.

The members of the Chalfant mission band will give a social in the First Presbyterian church this evening. A pleasant time is anticipated.

Theodore Snodgrass received word last night that his brother in Indiana was run over and killed yesterday by a train.

Mrs. J. M. Henderson and brother, Lon Cope, went out to visit their parents at Smithfield last evening.

J. Y. Patterson has given possession of his stock of hardware to George K. Wheat, of Wheeling.

The Martin's Ferry firemen will not take part in a running race Labor Day as has been talked of.

Mrs. W. R. Ratcliff is entertaining her friend, Miss Rosa L. Kerr, of Granville, Ohio.

Mrs. George H. Smith will return from Chicago this evening.

Col. J. M. Lewis, of Barnesville, was in town yesterday.

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